

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 26, 2026  
5:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 110 NORTH 8TH STREET,  
GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528**

AN OPEN MEETING WAS HELD CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 5:30 P.M. THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026.

2. **QUORUM CHECK/COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Gary Chumley, Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Casey, Councilmembers Joe Patterson, Jon Salter, Aaron Smith, and Travis VanBibber.

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Brad Hunt, City Secretary Holly Owens, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Mike Halsema, Chad Newman, Seth Phillips, and Shea Harp.

**OTHERS:** Biana Daniels, Ashton Daniels, Leo Corona, Allyson Hinkle, Thomas Valle, Duane Barrett, Amanda Ashby, Brandon Ashby, Tina Zimmerman, Sonia Blanchard.

3. **INVOCATION:** Mayor Gary Chumley and **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Gary Chumley.

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS FORUM: INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE GATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MAY DO SO DURING THIS SEGMENT. IF YOU INTEND TO COMMENT ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM, PLEASE INDICATE THE ITEM(S) ON THE SIGN IN SHEET BEFORE THE MEETING. EACH SPEAKER IS ALLOTTED A MAXIMUM OF 3 MINUTES FOR THEIR REMARKS, AND SPEAKERS ARE EXPECTED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A RESPECTFUL MANNER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, THE CITY OF GATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL CANNOT DELIBERATE OR ACT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE MEETING AGENDA.

No Citizen Comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

4. Recess Regular Meeting and Call for an Executive Session – Closed Meeting.

Council entered Executive Session at 5:32 PM.

*The City Council of the City of Gatesville will convene into a closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).*

*The City Council of the City of Gatesville will convene into a closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations)*

5. End Executive Session and Reconvene the Open Meeting.

Council reconvened Regular Meeting at 5:52 PM.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding items discussed in the Executive Session and giving direction to the City Manager.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

## CONSENT

7. All consent agenda items are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item to be removed and considered separately.

- a. **Resolution 2026-062:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes from Regular City Council Meeting held on **May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026.** (Holly Owens)

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Travis VanBibber, seconded by Jon Salter to **APPROVE** the **CONSENT AGENDA** as presented. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 5-0-0. (Westbrook absent)

## OTHER BUSINESS:

8. Discussion on the Preliminary Property Tax Value. (Mike Halsema)

No action was taken. This was discussion only.

9. Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 2026-07, Amending Chapter 32, Article IX.

### OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 5:55 PM

Hear comments regarding the amendment to Chapter 32, Article IX, Coin-Operated Machines and Indoor Amusement Facilities.

### CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 5:59 PM

**10. Ordinance 2026-07:** Discussion and possible action amending Chapter 32, Article IX. – Coin—Operated Machines and Indoor Amusement Facilities. *2nd Reading* (Holly Owens)

**ORDINANCE 2026-07:** Motion by Aaron Smith, seconded by Travis VanBibber to **PASS ORDINANCE 2026-07**, amending Chapter 32, Article IX. – Coin Operated Machines and Indoor Amusement Facilities to the next meeting, second reading. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 5-0-0. (Westbrook absent)

11. Public Hearing regarding Annexation of property located at 301 Cedar Ridge Road.

### OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 PM

Hear comments regarding the annexation of property located at 301 Cedar Ridge Road; R B Irvine Survey; Coryell County and being on 54.25 acres.

### CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 6:02 PM

**12. Ordinance 2026-08:** Discussion and possible action regarding a Cedar Ridge and Old Osage Annexation *2nd Reading* (Holly Owens)

**ORDINANCE 2026-08:** Motion by Jon Salter, seconded by Greg Casey to **PASS ORDINANCE 2026-08**, approving the annexation of the property located in the R B Irvine Survey and approximately 54.25 acres, second reading. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 5-0-0. (Westbrook absent)

13. Public Hearing regarding Zoning Ordinance 2026-06.

### OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 6:03 PM

Hear comments regarding the Zoning Ordinance, Articles I – X.

Mayor Chumley requested to remove high-pressure sodium lights as an option. Ms. Owens stated she would remove this option.

Councilman Patterson asked about the landscaping requirements. Ms. Owens briefly spoke about the requirements for both commercial and residential.

Leo Corona, 409 State School Rd., came forward. Mr. Corona requested agenda items be more specific to be more transparent. This item was vague. Councilman Patterson stated that this specific item is too large to be more specific.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 6:15 PM**

**14. Ordinance 2026-06:** Discussion and possible action regarding zoning ordinance articles I-X *2nd Reading* (Holly Owens)

**ORDINANCE 2026-06:** Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Jon Salter to **PASS ORDINANCE 2026-06** creating Chapter 49, Articles I-X Zoning Ordinance and removing “high-pressure sodium lights” as an option under Article IX – Lighting to the next meeting, second reading. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 5-0-0. (Westbrook absent)

Councilman Patterson left the meeting at 6:16 PM and a quorum was maintained.

**15. Ordinance 2026-09:** Discussion and possible action to amend Chapter 18 “Fees”. *First Reading* (Holly Owens)

**ORDINANCE 2026-09:** Motion by Aaron Smith, seconded by Travis VanBibber to **PASS ORDINANCE 2026-09**, approving the amendment to Chapter 18 “Fee Schedule” of the Gatesville Code of Ordinances to the next meeting, first reading. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 4-0-0. (Westbrook and Patterson absent)

**16. Ordinance 2026-10:** Discussion and possible action regarding an ordinance regulating Vape Shops and Cannabis-Related Shops. *First Reading* (Holly Owens)

Amanda Ashby, 1907 E Main St., came forward to speak regarding this ordinance. Ms. Ashby expressed her concern regarding the sale of 7-OH products in vape shops and requested that these items be prohibited. Ms. Ashby also stated that the state license she and her husband hold requires a background check through the State and is also concerned about the restrictions regarding outdoor signage and outdoor sales.

Mayor Chumley asked Ms. Ashby to expand on the product 7-OH substance. Ms. Ashby explained what 7-OH was.

Brandon Ashby, 1907 E Main St., came forward. Mr. Ashby reiterated what his wife explained.

Ms. Owens stated she would do the appropriate research on 7-OH for Council and present the information at the next council meeting along with more specific language regarding signage and the “annual permit”.

**ORDINANCE 2026-10:** Motion by Travis VanBibber, seconded by Jon Salter to **PASS ORDINANCE 2026-10** with language specific to 7-OH, to the next meeting setting regulations for Vape Shops and Cannabis-Related Shops, first reading. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 4-0-0. (Westbrook and Patterson absent)


**17. City Manager Monthly Report** (Brad Hunt)

No action was taken.

**18. City Council adjourned at 7:15 P.M.**

  
Mayor, Gary Chumley

ATTEST:

  
City Secretary, Holly Owens

